

HONORING EVELYN BLAHA  
SZCZECZ

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2004*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my dear friend, Evelyn Blaha Szczecz of Newburgh Heights, Ohio, as she gathers with family and friends to celebrate her birthday on February 7—eighty years young, and as lively as ever.

With family central to her life, Mrs. Szczecz and her late husband, Clarence T. Szczecz, raised four children: Clarence, Roseanne, Robert and Brian. She is blessed with ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Beyond caring for her family, Mrs. Szczecz has been an involved member of the community, and continues to dedicate her time and talents to many civic endeavors. For nearly five decades, Mrs. Szczecz has been an integral part of our democratic system—working to support candidates, educate voters, and promote voter registration. She has been an active member of the Democratic Party of Newburgh Heights since 1959, and has held all positions within the Party throughout the years, from entertainment committee member, to treasurer, to president.

With a quick and agile mind, and an equally energized spirit, Mrs. Szczecz continues to volunteer her time and talents in service to her community. She continues her involvement in the Democratic Party of Newburgh Heights, and serving on the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections—as she has for the past fifty years. She also continues to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party and is President of the Golden Agers of Newburgh Heights.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Evelyn Blaha Szczecz, in joyous celebration of her 80th birthday. Mrs. Szczecz continues to be an inspiration to everyone in her life—especially to her family and friends. Her loyalty, friendship, convictions, boundless energy, joy, and good works are invaluable gifts to all of us who know her well, and her dedication and work has uplifted the Village of Newburgh Heights, and our entire community. We wish her continued health and happiness today, and all days to come.

CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE JACK TILLMAN ON HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE ALABAMA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor the Honorable Jack Tillman, Sheriff for Mobile County, Alabama, on the occasion of his being elected as president of the Alabama Sheriffs Association (ASA).

The ASA was designed to provide a professional network and link for the sheriffs in Alabama's 67 counties. Along with providing this link for law enforcement officials throughout

the State, the Sheriffs Association also serves as an important legislative tool on the State and Federal levels and advocates on behalf of its membership and their families. Since 1990, the ASA has also been actively involved with the "Jail Assistance Project," a program created to provide sheriffs, chiefs of police, and representatives of local governments with the tools to plan and staff new jail facilities, provide expert advice and assistance in evaluating correctional equipment, and develop training on various correctional issues.

Jack Tillman is very qualified to serve as the president of this organization and has an extensive background in the law enforcement field. On January 15, 2003, he was sworn in to begin his third term as Mobile County Sheriff. Prior to that, he served in the Mobile County Public School System as a Resource Officer. During his tenure with the school system, he successfully conducted numerous criminal investigations requiring collaboration with representatives from law enforcement agencies at the local, State, and Federal levels.

Sheriff Tillman's concern for and involvement in his community also extends outside the professional boundaries of the sheriff's office. He serves on numerous boards for civic and church groups and organizations dedicated to the young people of Mobile County.

Along with his wife, Deborah, their children Brian and Lindsay, and his many friends and colleagues, I wish to extend to Sheriff Jack Tillman my warmest congratulations on his election as president of the Alabama Sheriffs Association.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRAN  
WEAVER

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman from my district. Fran Weaver of Pueblo, Colorado passed away recently at the age of seventy-nine. Fran was a successful author and friend to many, and I would like to recognize her tremendous contributions to the Pueblo community before this body of Congress and this nation.

Fran was renowned for her devotion to education, and after raising her children, decided to return to college where she earned a degree in journalism. She delighted in writing her weekly column, "Midlife Musings," for The Pueblo Chieftain, as well as lecturing on national television and Crystal Cruises. She felt that old age should not be a reason to slow down, and, according to her former newspaper, "urged them to open themselves up to new experiences." As I reflect on Fran's accomplishments, it is evident that she heeded her own advice.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life of Fran Weaver. Fran's love of the written word and zest for life is truly an inspiration for us all. The Pueblo community and the State of Colorado will truly miss her, and my thoughts go out to Fran's loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
DONALD BOGART

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. Donald Bogart—devoted family man, accomplished scientist, social justice activist and humanitarian.

Mr. Bogart grew up in a small apartment in Brooklyn, NY. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Arts. Immediately following graduation, Bogart, a brilliant scholar, was recruited by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics—NASA's forerunner. In 1943, Bogart moved to Cleveland to begin his accomplished career in nuclear physics at NASA—a career that spanned nearly 40 years. From 1958 to 1974, Mr. Bogart served as director of the nuclear physics branch at NASA Lewis Research Center, where he led a team of scientists to develop a nuclear rocket for a proposed manned space flight to Mars. Mr. Bogart moved into the area of solar energy and technology, making great strides in the field. Later, as a representative of the State Department, Bogart brought his expertise in the area of solar energy to India and the Philippines.

Outshining his significant achievement was his compassionate heart, strong convictions, and unyielding bravery as he consistently led local efforts on behalf of matters of human rights and civil rights, here at home and overseas. Mr. Bogart spoke publicly about the plight of Soviet Jews during the height of the cold war, and organized local groups to assist Jews to escape religious persecution in the former Soviet Union.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and remembrance of Mr. Donald Bogart—an exceptional man, scientist, and leader whose life reflected accomplishment, caring and joy. I offer my deepest condolences to his devoted wife, Marilyn, beloved children, Carol, Valerie, and Wendy, devoted grandchildren, Sam, Alex and Andre, and extended family and friends. Donald Bogart's brilliant and flawless legacy—both personally and professionally, will be remembered forever by family, friends and colleagues.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR.  
KENDALL P. DEXTER

**HON. JO BONNER**

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Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Mobile County and indeed the entire State of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. Kendall Parker Dexter was a devoted family man and dedicated community leader throughout his life.

Following his graduation from the University of Michigan, he joined International Paper Company in 1950 as a forester. After serving in various positions with the company in Mississippi, Mr. Dexter moved to Mobile, Alabama